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GDOT still working East Central Georgia winter event *Stay off the roads if possible*

TENNILLE— After a busy night into the early Saturday morning hours, the Georgia Department of Transportation is still working and monitoring the winter weather event in the 27-county East Central Georgia (District Two) area. **Stay off the roads if possible today.**

At last report, District personnel are watching roads and bridges for isolated trouble areas. Interstate 20 and secondary routes are in good condition overall. Please call 511 if you notice ice or another potentially dangerous roadway issue. Reports of ice on bridges and overpasses are being dealt with as quickly as possible.

Georgia DOT will implement the following county work shifts today:

- Area 1 (Putnam, Hancock, Wilkinson, Washington and Baldwin) from 7 a.m. Saturday until event ends;
- Area 2 (Bleckley, Dodge, Laurens, Johnson, Treutlen) on standby to respond as needed;
- Area 3 (Burke, Jefferson, Glascock, Jenkins, Emanuel) from 7 a.m. Saturday until event ends;
- Area 4 (Wilkes, Warren, Lincoln, Columbia, Richmond, McDuffie) from 8 a.m. Saturday until event ends;
- Area 5 (Newton, Jasper, Morgan, Greene, Taliaferro, Oglethorpe) from 6 a.m. Saturday until event ends;
- Region Wide Crew B will also work from 7 a.m. Saturday until no longer needed

Based on overnight weather conditions, Georgia DOT will remain vigilant and responsive if problem areas arise. To stay connected during winter events, visit [Winter Weather](#). Media and citizens are encouraged follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/GDOTEast) and Twitter (<http://twitter.com/GDOTEastTraffic>) for live roadway updates.

During hazardous winter weather conditions, Georgia DOT advises motorists to:

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- **Call 511 to report icy conditions on interstates and state routes;**
- If possible, postpone travel until daylight hours when road conditions such as black ice are more visible;
- Do not pass a Georgia DOT dump truck spreading the salt/gravel mixture, as gravel may kick up and could break car windshields — follow at least 100 feet behind Department vehicles;
- Be aware of Georgia DOT crews working to clear snow and ice from interstates and state routes;
- **SLOW DOWN** at least half your normal speed and use a low gear as you drive;
- Treat a non-working traffic signal as a four-way stop; and
- Beware of black ice (especially on bridges) and watch for fallen trees or power lines

Georgia DOT urges travelers to exercise caution and call 511 for updated information on roadway conditions before getting on the road during a winter weather event. Georgia 511 is a free phone service that provides real-time traffic and travel information statewide, including winter weather closures, reports of icing or other hazardous conditions on interstates and state routes. Callers also can transfer to operators to request assistance or report incidents 24 hours a day, seven days a week. More information available at www.511ga.org.

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